

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method of making a crosslinked raw cord ~~which is produced by a method~~ comprising the steps of:

(A) dissolving polyvinyl alcohol having a degree of polymerization of 1,000-7,000 and a degree of saponification of more than 97.0 mol% in dimethyl sulfoxide, spinning the solution ~~according to~~ by passing it through an air-gap of 5 to 50 mm in length in a dry and wet spinning technique or a wet spinning technique, drawing the undrawn yarn ~~to high draw ratio~~, and thermally treating the drawn yarn;

(B) twisting the polyvinyl alcohol drawn yarn to prepare a cabling yarn, and plying the cabling yarn into a 2-ply or 3-ply yarn to produce a raw cord; and

(C) crosslinking the raw cord ~~using the~~ with a crosslinker-introducing apparatus of Claim 2 in an aqueous crosslinking solution containing an aromatic aldehyde compound and acetic acid as an acid catalyst while adding alcohol to the aqueous crosslinker solution,

wherein the cross-linker-introducing apparatus comprises a bobbin having a circumferential surface with a plurality of through-holes winding the raw cord on a hollow cylindrical bobbin axis.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of making a crosslinked raw cord of Claim 3, wherein the alcohol added to the aqueous crosslinking solution in the step (C) is methanol.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of making a crosslinked raw cord of Claim 3, wherein the content of the alcohol added to the aqueous crosslinking solution in the step (C) is 1-30 wt%.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of making a crosslinked raw cord of Claim 3, wherein the content of the aromatic aldehyde compound crosslinked to the raw cord in the step (C) is 0.1-5.0 wt%.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of making a crosslinked raw cord of Claim 3, wherein the aromatic aldehyde crosslinked to the raw cord in the step (C) is terephthalaldehyde (TDA).

8.-10. (Canceled).